

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 10, 11, 15, 19-21, and 29-31 are pending in this application. By the above amendment, claim 29 has been rewritten in independent form, and claim 28 has been cancelled.

The Office Action dated November 17, 2005, objected to claim 29 but indicated that this claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Objections were also raised in connection with claims 20 and 30.

By the above amendment, claim 29 has been rewritten in independent form and claim 28 has been cancelled. The objections to claims 20 and 30 have also been addressed by the above amendment. All remaining claims now depend from claim 29 and are submitted to be allowable for the same reasons as claim 29. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is therefore earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

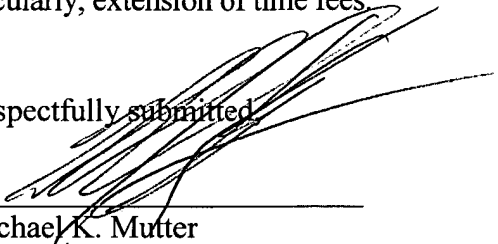

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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